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DAWSON RECEIVES WARRANT IN BED

Maryland Secretary Of State Faces Charge Of Drunken Driving

Paper Served On Official, Injured In Auto Accident, At Rockville Home

[By the Associated Press]

Rockville, Md., April 29—Montgomery county police served Thomas L. Dawson, Secretary of State, with a warrant charging him with driving an automobile while drunk.

The warrant was served by Sergt. Roy Bodmer, of the county force, after State policemen said they could not serve it in the county. A friend of Dawson's, who declined use of his name, said the paper was served in Dawson's bedroom, where the Secretary is said to be recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday.

Serves Warrant In Bedroom

"The officer came here and went up to Mr. Dawson's bedroom," the friend said. "They shook hands and the officer served the warrant—just the usual thing."

The friend said Dawson had a "pretty bad leg, which was reported cut in the accident." He added that the State official would "have to stay in bed for several days."

Dawson may appear on the charge before Police Judge Harold Smith, or he may ask a jury trial and be tried by the Circuit Court. The minimum fine for driving while drunk is $100.

Reckless Driving Included

Another charge of reckless driving, always made in drunken-driving cases, also is faced by Dawson. The minimum fine, which is usually imposed is $1 for this offense.

The warrant against Dawson was sworn out by C. J. Getzler, of Clarendon, Va., before Magistrate E. A. Condon. Getzler's car was involved in the collision with Dawson's machine, and he was injured slightly.

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